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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003387009 MEDLINE

DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 12902277

TITLE: Alteration of chain length substrate specificity of *Aeromonas caviae* R-enantiomer-specific enoyl-coenzyme A hydratase through site-directed mutagenesis.

AUTHOR: Tsuge Takeharu; Hisano Tamao; Taguchi Seiichi; Doi Yoshiharu

CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Innovative and Engineered Materials, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Midori-ku, Yokohama 226-8502, Japan.. ttsuge@iem.titech.ac.jp

SOURCE: Applied and environmental microbiology, (2003 Aug) 69 (8) 4830-6.  
Journal code: 7605801. ISSN: 0099-2240.

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LANGUAGE: English

FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals

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AB *Aeromonas caviae* R-specific enoyl-coenzyme A (enoyl-CoA) hydratase (PhaJ(Ac)) is capable of providing (R)-3-hydroxyacyl-CoA with a chain length of four to six carbon atoms from the fatty acid beta-oxidation pathway for polyhydroxyalkanoate (PHA) **synthesis**. In this study, amino acid substitutions were introduced into PhaJ(Ac) by site-directed mutagenesis to investigate the feasibility of altering the specificity for the acyl chain length of the substrate. A crystallographic structure analysis of PhaJ(Ac) revealed that Ser-62, Leu-65, and Val-130 define the width and depth of the acyl-chain-binding pocket. Accordingly, we targeted these three residues for amino acid substitution. Nine single-mutation enzymes and two double-mutation enzymes were generated, and their hydratase activities were assayed in vitro by using trans-2-octenoyl-CoA (C(8)) as a substrate. Three of these mutant enzymes, L65A, L65G, and V130G, exhibited significantly high activities toward octenoyl-CoA than the wild-type enzyme exhibited. PHA formation from dodecanoate (C(12)) was examined by using the mutated PhaJ(Ac) as a monomer supplier in recombinant *Escherichia coli* LS5218 harboring a PHA synthase gene from *Pseudomonas* sp. strain 61-3 (phaC1(Ps)). When L65A, L65G, or V130G was used individually, increased molar fractions of 3-hydroxyoctanoate (C(8)) and 3-hydroxydecanoate (C(10)) units were incorporated into PHA. These results revealed that Leu-65 and Val-130 affect the acyl chain length substrate specificity. Furthermore, comparative kinetic analyses of the wild-type enzyme and the L65A and V130G mutants were performed, and the mechanisms underlying changes in substrate specificity are discussed.

L40 ANSWER 2 OF 7 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 2

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003176668 MEDLINE

DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 12694916

TITLE: Enhanced production of poly(3-hydroxybutyrate-co-3-hydroxyhexanoate) via manipulating the fatty acid beta-oxidation pathway in *E. coli*.

AUTHOR: Lu Xiaoyun; Zhang Jinyu; Wu Qiong; Chen Guo-Qiang

CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Biological Science and Biotechnology, Tsinghua University, Beijing 100084, PR China.

SOURCE: FEMS microbiology letters, (2003 Apr 11) 221 (1) 97-101.  
Journal code: 7705721. ISSN: 0378-1097.

PUB. COUNTRY: Netherlands

DOCUMENT TYPE: (EVALUATION STUDIES)

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AB Acyl-CoA dehydrogenase gene (yafH) of *Escherichia coli* was expressed together with polyhydroxyalkanoate synthase gene (phaC(Ac)) and (R)-enoyl-CoA hydratase gene (phaJ(Ac)) from *Aeromonas caviae*. The expression plasmids were introduced into *E. coli* JM109, DH5 alpha and XL1-blue, respectively. Compared with the strains harboring only phaC(Ac) and phaJ(Ac), all recombinant *E. coli* strains harboring yafH, phaC(Ac) and phaJ(Ac) accumulated at least four times more poly(3-hydroxybutyrate-co-3-hydroxyhexanoate) (PHBHHx). Cell dry weights produced by all recombinants containing yafH were also considerably higher than that without yafH. The addition of acrylic acid which serves as inhibitor for beta-oxidation and may lead to more precursor supply for **PHA synthesis** did not result in improved PHBHHx production compared with that of the overexpression of yafH. It appeared that the overexpression of acyl-CoA dehydrogenase gene (yafH) enhanced the supply of enoyl-CoA which is the substrate of (R)-enoyl-CoA hydratase. With the enhanced precursor supply, the recombinants accumulated more PHBHHx.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002265536 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 11976116  
TITLE: Enhanced accumulation and changed monomer composition in polyhydroxyalkanoate (PHA) copolyester by in vitro evolution of *Aeromonas caviae* PHA synthase.  
AUTHOR: Kichise Tomoyasu; Taguchi Seiichi; Doi Yoshiharu  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Polymer Chemistry Laboratory, RIKEN Institute, 2-1 Hirosawa, Wako-shi, Saitama 351-0198, Japan.  
SOURCE: Applied and environmental microbiology, (2002 May) 68 (5) 2411-9.  
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AB By in vitro evolution experiment, we have first succeeded in acquiring higher active mutants of a synthase that is a key enzyme essential for bacterial **synthesis** of biodegradable polyester, polyhydroxyalkanoate (PHA). *Aeromonas caviae* FA440 synthase, termed PhaC(Ac), was chosen as a good target for evolution, since it can **synthesize** a PHA random copolyester of 3-hydroxybutyrate and 3-hydroxyhexanoate [P(3HB-co-3HHx)] that is a tough and flexible material compared to polyhydroxybutyrate (PHB) homopolyester. The in vitro enzyme evolution system consists of PCR-mediated random mutagenesis targeted to a limited region of the phaC(Ac) gene and screening mutant enzymes with higher activities based on two types of polyester accumulation system by using *Escherichia coli* for the synthesis of PHB (by JM109 strain) (S. Taguchi, A. Maehara, K. Takase, M. Nakahara, H. Nakamura, and Y. Doi, FEMS Microbiol. Lett. 198:65-71, 2001) and of P(3HB-co-3HHx) [by LS5218 [fadR601 atoC(Con)] strain]. The expression vector for the phaC(Ac) gene, together with monomer-supplying enzyme genes, was designed to synthesize PHB homopolyester from glucose and P(3HB-co-3HHx) copolyester from dodecanoate. Two evolved mutant enzymes, termed E2-50 and T3-11, screened through the evolution system

exhibited 56 and 21% increases in activity toward 3HB-coenzyme A, respectively, and consequently led to enhanced accumulation (up to 6.5-fold content) of P(3HB-co-3HHx) in the recombinant LS5218 strains. Two single mutations in the mutants, N149S for E2-50 and D171G for T3-11, occurred at positions that are not highly conserved among the PHA synthase family. It should be noted that increases in the 3HHx fraction (up to 16 to 18 mol%) were observed for both mutants compared to the wild type (10 mol%).

L40 ANSWER 4 OF 7 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 4  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000179659 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 10713420  
 TITLE: Molecular cloning of two (R)-specific enoyl-CoA hydratase genes from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and their use for polyhydroxyalkanoate synthesis.  
 AUTHOR: Tsuge T; Fukui T; Matsusaki H; Taguchi S; Kobayashi G; Ishizaki A; Doi Y  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Division of Bioscience and Biotechnology, Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Science, Kyushu University, 6-10-1 Hakozaki, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka, Japan.  
 SOURCE: FEMS microbiology letters, (2000 Mar 15) 184 (2) 193-8. Journal code: 7705721. ISSN: 0378-1097.  
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AB Two *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* genes, termed phaJ1(Pa) and phaJ2(Pa), homologous to the *Aeromonas caviae* (R)-specific enoyl-CoA hydratase gene (phaJ(Ac)) were cloned using a PCR technique to investigate the monomer-supplying ability for polyhydroxyalkanoate (PHA) **synthesis** from beta-oxidation cycle. Two expression plasmids for phaJ1(Pa) and phaJ2(Pa) were constructed and introduced into *Escherichia coli* DH5alpha strain. The recombinants harboring phaJ1(Pa) or phaJ2(Pa) showed high (R)-specific enoyl-CoA hydratase activity with different substrate specificities, that is, specific for short chain-length enoyl-CoA or medium chain-length enoyl-CoA, respectively. In addition, co-expression of these two hydratase genes with PHA synthase gene in *E. coli* LS5218 resulted in the accumulation of PHA up to 14-29 wt% of cell dry weight from dodecanoate as a sole carbon source. It has been suggested that phaJ1(Pa) and phaJ2(Pa) products have the monomer-supplying ability for **PHA synthesis** from beta-oxidation cycle.

L40 ANSWER 5 OF 7 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 5  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999346699 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 10418145  
 TITLE: Co-expression of 3-ketoacyl-ACP reductase and polyhydroxyalkanoate synthase genes induces PHA production in *Escherichia coli* HB101 strain.  
 AUTHOR: Taguchi K; Aoyagi Y; Matsusaki H; Fukui T; Doi Y  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Polymer Chemistry Laboratory, Institute of Physical and Chemical Research (RIKEN), Saitama, Japan.  
 SOURCE: FEMS microbiology letters, (1999 Jul 1) 176 (1) 183-90. Journal code: 7705721. ISSN: 0378-1097.  
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AB The *Escherichia coli* 3-ketoacyl-ACP reductase gene (*fabGEC*) was cloned using a PCR technique to investigate the metabolic link between fatty acid metabolism and polyhydroxyalkanoate (PHA) production. Three plasmids respectively harboring *fabGEC* and the poly-3-hydroxyalkanoate synthesis genes *phaCac* and *phaCIPs* from *Aeromonas caviae* and *Pseudomonas* sp. 61-3 respectively were constructed and introduced into *E. coli* HB101 strain. On a two-stage cultivation using dodecanoate as the sole carbon source, recombinant *E. coli* HB101 strains harboring *fabGEC* and *phaC* genes accumulated PHA copolymers (about 8 wt% of dry cell weight) consisting of several (R)-3-hydroxyalkanoate units of C4, C6, C8, and C10. It has been suggested that overexpression of the *fabGEC* gene leads to the supply of (R)-3-hydroxyacyl-CoA for **PHA synthesis** via fatty acid degradation.

L40 ANSWER 6 OF 7 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 6

ACCESSION NUMBER: 97386422 MEDLINE

DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 9244271

TITLE: Cloning and analysis of the poly(3-hydroxybutyrate-co-3-hydroxyhexanoate) biosynthesis genes of *Aeromonas caviae*.

AUTHOR: Fukui T; Doi Y

CORPORATE SOURCE: Polymer Chemistry Laboratory, Institute of Physical and Chemical Research (RIKEN), Wako-shi, Saitama, Japan.

SOURCE: Journal of bacteriology, (1997 Aug) 179 (15) 4821-30.  
Journal code: 2985120R. ISSN: 0021-9193.

PUB. COUNTRY: United States

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AB A 5.0-kbp *EcoRV*-*EcoRI* restriction fragment was cloned and analyzed from genomic DNA of *Aeromonas caviae*, a bacterium producing a copolyester of (R)-3-hydroxybutyrate (3HB) and (R)-3-hydroxyhexanoate (3HHx) [P(3HB-co-3HHx)] from alkanolic acids or oils. The nucleotide sequence of this region showed a 1,782-bp poly (3-hydroxyalkanoate) (PHA) synthase gene (*phaC(Ac)*) [i.e., the *phaC* gene from *A. caviae*] together with four open reading frames (ORF1, -3, -4, and -5) and one putative promoter region. The cloned fragments could not only complement **PHA**-negative mutants of *Alcaligenes eutrophus* and *Pseudomonas putida*, but also confer the ability to **synthesize** P(3HB-co-3HHx) from octanoate or hexanoate on the mutants' hosts. Furthermore, coexpression of ORF1 and ORF3 genes with *phaC(Ac)* in the *A. eutrophus* mutant resulted in a decrease in the polyester content of the cells. *Escherichia coli* expressing ORF3 showed (R)-enoyl-coenzyme A (CoA) hydratase activity, suggesting that (R)-3-hydroxyacyl-CoA monomer units are supplied via the (R)-specific hydration of enoyl-CoA in *A. caviae*. The transconjugant of the *A. eutrophus* mutant expressing only *phaC(Ac)* effectively accumulated P(3HB-co-3HHx) up to 96 wt% of the cellular dry weight from octanoate in one-step cultivation.

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TITLE: Biosynthesis of poly(3-hydroxybutyrate-co-3-hydroxyvalerate-co-3-hydroxy-heptanoate) terpolymers by recombinant *Alcaligenes eutrophus*.

AUTHOR: Fukui T.; Kichise T.; Yoshida Y.; Doi Y.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: T. Fukui, Polymer Chemistry Laboratory, Institute Physical  
Chemical Research, Hirosawa 2-1, Wako-shi, Saitama 351-01,  
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DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article  
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AB Recombinant strains of *Alcaligenes eutrophus* harboring the  
polyhydroxyalkanoate (PHA) synthase gene of *Aeromonas*  
**caviae** synthesized poly(3-hydroxybutyrate-co-3-  
hydroxyvalerate-co-3-hydroxyheptanoate) terpolymers from alkanolic acids of  
odd carbon numbers. The results indicated the specificity of PHA  
synthase of *A. caviae* toward 3-hydroxyalkanoate units from C4 to  
C7. The composition of the polyesters formed varied as the carbon numbers  
of the alkanolic acids fed increased.



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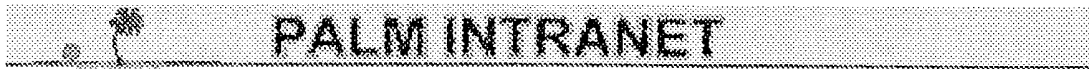
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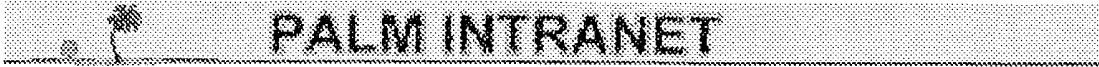
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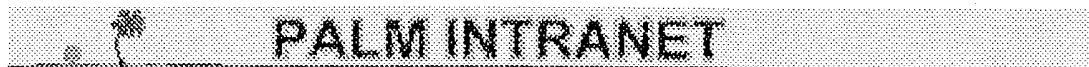
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